Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region
Staff Summary Report
December 3, 2026

ITEM: 4

SUBJECT: Overview of NPDES Stormwater Program

BOARD ACTION: This is an informational item; no action will be taken by the Board

BACKGROUND: The NPDES Stormwater Program regulates stormwater discharges throughout the North Coast Region under both federal and state law to protect water quality. Regulated stormwater runoff can carry pollutants from urban areas, roadways, industrial facilities, and construction sites into local waterways.

The program oversees municipal stormwater systems (MS4s), industrial facilities, construction sites, and Caltrans activities through a combination of statewide and regional permits. Implementation focuses on ensuring compliance, reducing pollutant discharges, and supporting effective stormwater management across the region.

Regulated stormwater discharges fall into three categories: 1) municipal stormwater discharged by large cities and counties under the Phase 1 MS4 permit, small cities and counties under the Phase 2 MS4 General Permit, and Caltrans under its statewide MS4 permit; 2) industrial stormwater discharged by applicable facilities under the statewide Industrial General Permit (IGP); and (3) construction stormwater from sites regulated under the statewide Construction General Permit (CGP).

The North Coast Water Board's Stormwater Program is administered by a multidisciplinary team of three full-time staff of scientists, geologists, and engineers who conduct compliance oversight, inspections, audits, data review, enforcement, and permit development. The team also contributes to the development of statewide stormwater regulations and conducts significant compliance assistance.

Heaven Moore, NPDES Stormwater Manager, and SeanPaul Berube, Municipal Stormwater Program Lead, will provide an overview of the NPDES Stormwater Program and its implementation in the North Coast Region.

RECOMMENDATION: N/A